

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

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Application No.:

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Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR PREVENTING CRACKING
OF THE SHANK JUNCTION OF
DIE BLOCKS

Group Art Unit:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title of the application to read:

Method for Softening a Selected
Portion of a Steel Object by Heating

IN THE SPECIFICATION TEXT:

page 1, after the heading and before the first line of text, please insert the following paragraph:

"This application is a division of application serial number 09/160,895 filed September 25, 1998, which application in turn is a continuation-in-part of application serial number

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